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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FIRST OFFICE ACTION

In response to the Office action dated April 24, 2002, Paper No. 8, amend the above-referenced application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Amend claim 1 as follows:

1. (Twice amended) An introducer for positioning an expandable endovascular prosthesis in a lumen of a patient, the prosthesis having a proximal portion and a distal portion, the introducer comprising:

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